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Workers to fight for $15

Protest. Roughly 15,000 low-wage workers are expected to take to the streets of New York City today to demand a $15 minimum wage. The local rally is part of a nationwide event across 230 cities. Fast-food employees are at the center of the movement. PAGE 02

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Carly, an employee of the Tribeca Film Festival, installs a sign in Regal Cinemas in Lower Manhattan. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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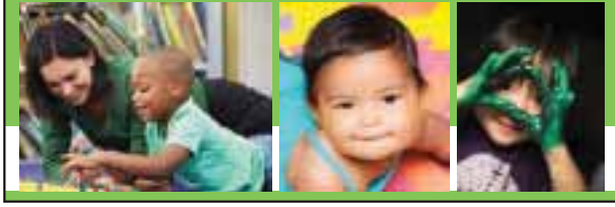

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They're not lovin' it. Hundreds gathered at Forsyth Park in Boston on Monday for a rally and march demanding a higher minimum wage for fast-food workers. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

The fast food and the furious: Strikes today

Outrage. Fast-food and other low-wage workers are planning an international strike for Tax Day.

The "Fight for 15" is here.

An estimated 15,000 low-wage workers are expected to strike Tuesday across New York City, demanding a $15 minimum wage.

The New York City workers join fast-food workers, college students, adjunct professors, home health workers and other minimum-wage workers, who are set to protest in 200 cities across the world. Protesters took to the Boston streets a day early out of respect for the Boston Marathon bombing anniversary.

"It's going to be beautiful and historic," said Shantel Walker, 31, of the mass mobilization.

Walker, who has worked for Papa John's since 1999, makes $9 an hour as a shift manager at a Bushwick store.

"I've worked there for a long time, I feel change has to happen," Walker said. "With $15 an hour, I'll be able to afford the things I need: housing, transportation money, getting clothes for different seasons and living a little bit more comfortably."

"The minimum wage should be $15 an hour. Who can live off of $9, $10 an hour?" said Patricia O'Hara, a home health care worker. "You have to put in more than 40 hours just to make a halfway decent salary, and I challenge anyone who begs to differ to show me how to budget myself, what I'm doing wrong that I can't survive (on $10 an hour)."

O'Hara, who was inspired to go into health care after surviving cancer, and watching her father die from Parkinson's, said she works eight to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, to make ends meet.

"We have to give up a lot of things, we deserve it, and I think it's time we get this," O'Hara, who also serves as an 1199 SEIU delegate, said of the increase.

New York's minimum wage is $8.75 and is set to increase to $9 next year, and minimum wage for tipped-wage workers will increase to $7.50 at the end of this year. A proposal in front of the New York State Assembly would increase the state's minimum wage to $12.75 in 2017, $13.75 in 2018 and the coveted $15 a hour by 2019.

A $15 minimum wage would lead to $10 billion more a year in wages for an estimated 1.5 million city workers by 2019, according to a report released by City Comptroller Scott Stringer on Tuesday.

"The question should no longer be whether the minimum wage should be increased in New York City, but by how much," Stringer said in a statement. "A $15-per-hour wage would put billions into the pockets of working families who need it the most."

By the numbers

$15/hour economic impact by borough:

- Queens: 456,300 workers would see a $3.2 billion annual wage increase
- Brooklyn: 453,400 workers would see a $3 billion annual wage increase
- Bronx: 256,300 workers would see a $1.9 billion annual wage increase
- Manhattan: 237,100 workers would see a $1.6 billion annual wage increase
- Staten Island: 52,800 workers would see a $311 million annual wage increase

Source: City Comptroller Scott Stringer

Money

The effect of a higher minimum wage

Stringer's report also found the higher minimum wage would lower the amount the city spends on social programs, increase the amount of city income tax by $250 million and lead to an annual household income increase of $10,000.

The boost also has the potential to reduce the number of New Yorkers who pay more than half their income on rent by 90,000.

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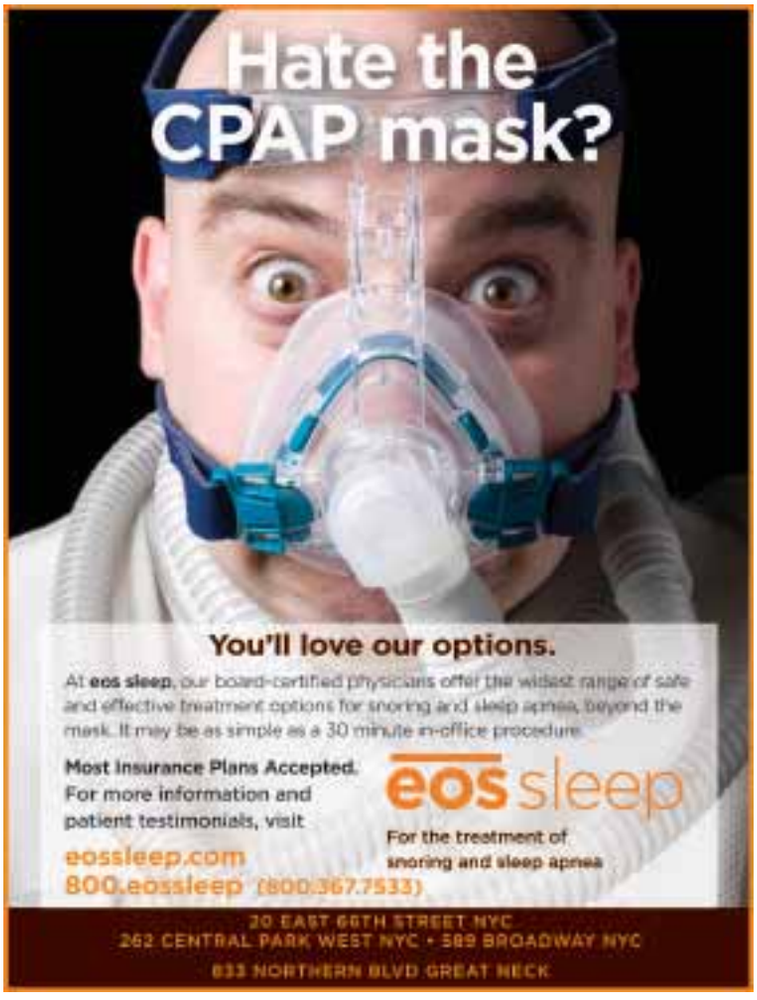
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Crime. Cops seek suspect after woman raped in bar bathroom

A 23-year-old woman was raped inside an upscale East 27th Street bar, just off Park Avenue South, by a man who is later seen on surveillance video calmly adjusting his shades as he left the scene.

The brown-haired suspect — described as white, around 50, between 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10, and weighing 150-175 pounds — grabbed the victim inside the ladies' washroom inside Turnmill Bar, at 119 East 27th Street.

The suspect / PROVIDED

"The suspect grabbed the victim by the throat and raped her inside of a bathroom stall," a police account from the 13th Precinct reports.

The suspect was last seen wearing blue jeans, a black shirt and black-framed glasses.

The victim was taken to a medical facility for treatment after the 7:45 p.m. attack this past Saturday.

Investigators are now trying to identify the suspect and have released surveillance video of him walking on a nearby street. JOHN A. OSWALD

Crime

Boy forcibly touched in Bed-Stuy

Police have released surveillance images of a young man, believed to be around 20, walking up to a young boy and grabbing his groin in Bed-Stuy Sunday morning.

In the video, the 11-year-old victim is seen running away and the suspect is then seen stepping off the curb at 551 Flushing Avenue. Cops described him as white, 5-foot-9 and 180 pounds, wearing blue shorts, a black jacket and black sneakers. METRO

Surveillance image of the suspect / PROVIDED

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Protesters hold die-in at Union Square

Activism. They shut down the Brooklyn Bridge after the rally.

Hundreds of people gathered in Union Square on Tuesday afternoon to disrupt business as usual to call for the end of police brutality, then marched downtown and blocked traffic while crossing the Brooklyn Bridge.

The rally was organized by Cornel West and Carl Dix's Stop Mass Incarceration Network following the recent shooting of unarmed black man Walter Scott in South Carolina by white police officer Michael Slager. Dix said in a statement: "We're going to revive the spirit of Ferguson … and we're going to take it higher."

About a dozen protesters were arrested in the roadway around 5 p.m. before it reopened, DNAinfo reported.

Rallies were also held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and other U.S. cities. **WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE AND MILES DIXON**

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Protesters of all color and creeds joined together at a Union Square rally yesterday. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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"This protest is not about anti-police sentiment, it's about the fact that you can't shoot unarmed people in the back, period."

Dafnie Ramsey, 58, Syracuse

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"We will continue to have differences with the Cuban government, but our concerns over a wide range of Cuba's policies and actions fall outside the criteria that is relevant to whether to rescind Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism," the White House said in a statement. REUTERS

Raul Castro and Barack Obama make nice. / GETTY IMAGES

2 Shipwreck off of Libya kills about 400

About 400 migrants died in an attempt to reach Italy from Libya when their boat capsized, survivors said on Tuesday.

The boat, carrying about 550 migrants in total, flipped about 24 hours after leaving the Libyan coast, according to some of the 150 survivors who were rescued and brought to a southern Italian port on Tuesday morning, Save the Children reported.

Before this incident, there had already been more than 500 deaths of migrants crossing the Mediterranean from Africa this year, up sharply from 47 in the same period of 2014, said the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM). REUTERS

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U.N. embargo targets Houthis

The U.N. Security Council on Tuesday imposed an arms embargo targeting the Iran-allied Houthi rebels (pictured) who now control most of Yemen as battles in the south of the country intensified. It also demanded the Houthis stop fighting and withdraw from areas they have seized, including Sanaa. Iran meanwhile prepared to submit a four-point peace plan for Yemen to the United Nations today. REUTERS

Artist claims Apple stole his style

A Miami artist whose work has been used in Coca-Cola, Disney and Mattel advertisements is suing Apple Inc. claiming the California-based technology giant copied his signature bold, bright colors and cartoony figures in a recent marketing campaign.

The lawsuit, filed on April 6 in the Southern District of Florida, claims Apple and its design firm mirrored Brazilian-born Romero Britto's style in artwork used in Apple's "Start Something New" campaign.

Apple's work features a rainbow-colored hand emitting multicolor wisps of smoke on its website and at retail locations across the world, according to the lawsuit. REUTERS

Chicago to pay for torture

Chicago will pay $5.5 million and make other reparations to dozens of victims of police torture in the 1970s and 1980s under a city law that human rights lawyers said was the first of its kind, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced on Tuesday.

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Boko Haram took 2,000 women, girls

Anniversary. One year after the Chibok abductions in Nigeria, a report reveals widespread suffering.

A woman holds a sign as other protesters gather outside Nigeria House to mark the one-year anniversary since a group of Nigerian schoolgirls were abducted by Boko Haram. / GETTY IMAGES

Boko Haram Islamic militants have kidnapped at least 2,000 girls and women since the start of last year, turning them into cooks, sex slaves and fighters, and sometimes killing those who refused to comply, Amnesty International said on Tuesday.

The human rights group's 90-page report based on dozens of interviews with witnesses and escaped abductees comes a year after the group seized more than 200 schoolgirls from Chibok, a community deep inside an area of northeastern Nigeria the fighters claimed as their caliphate. The kidnapping, and a video showing the captured girls dressed in dark hijabs soon afterward, provoked international outrage. But the majority are still missing despite Western pledges to help track them down and a Chadian attempt to broker their release.

Boko Haram's leader, Abubakar Shekau, claims the girls had been "married off" to his fighters. REUTERS

Quoted

"I was among the girls trained to shoot. I was also trained how to use bombs and how to attack a village."

A woman kidnapped by guerillas, who told Amnesty some of those who refused to convert to Islam or to fight were dumped in a mass grave

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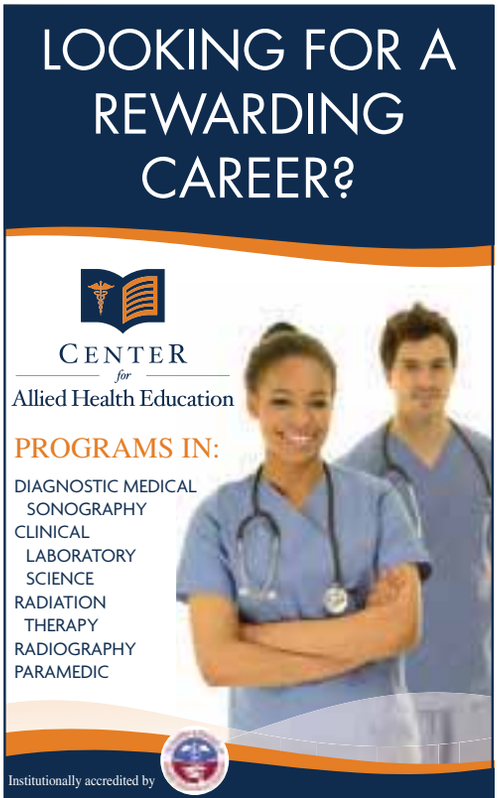

Study. Pot component can relieve epilepsy

Great news for epilepsy patients: A new study by NYU Langone Comprehensive Epilepsy Center found that some children and adults with treatment-resistant epilepsy may find relief with cannabidiol, a compound in medical marijuana that does not contain psychoactive properties. This study by Dr. Orrin Devinsky is the first of its kind. The participants were prescribed cannabidiol in a liquid daily dose. For the 137 patients who completed the study, the number of seizures decreased by an average of 54 percent throughout the 12-week period. We talked to Dr. Devinsky.

Marijuana / GETTY IMAGES

Would you say this treatment is unprecedented?
It is in the field of epilepsy. Medical marijuana products have been used in other disorders in European countries, but not for epilepsy, and though a lot of people are being treated with medical marijuana products, you still don't know what's in there; it can vary from batch to batch. The standards for a drug company tend to be a lot higher than for the artisanal producers in a state like Colorado.

Do you think this came about because marijuana has become legalized in parts of the U.S.?
That might partly be the impetus for the interest because there were reports from states like Colorado where they saw dramatic improvements in children with epilepsy, and that was part of the excitement that led us to be interested in trying this. **ANDREA PARK**

Side effects

Are there any side effects?

The major side effects we've seen are tiredness — that's the most common one. Other side effects we did see in children included weight loss and diarrhea because it's administered as an oil, so some kids had a response to the oil. We saw decreased appetite in over 10 percent of patients. I don't think we'll know until we get that double-blind study if it's as effective as it's been in this study. I think it might be huge for people with epilepsy, but until we get this data, I think we just won't know.

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Today, Gina Rodriguez is really enjoying her "Jane the Virgin" gig, Seth MacFarlane is looking for shortcuts, Tom Daley is on the move, Billy Eichner ain't having it and Jaden Smith is awfully handy.

@HereIsGina: I get to play a woman I wish I was more like. Outside of the whole accidental artificial insemination.

@SethMacFarlane: The '300' movies would be half the running time if somebody taught them how to use contractions.

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Charlize Theron is totally surprised that she's engaged

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Considering that during her nine-year relationship with Stuart Townsend she was vehemently against walking down the aisle, it's understandable that even Charlize Theron was not expecting she'd be engaged to new beau Sean Penn after just over a year of dating. She's shocked by the development, I tell you. Or rather, she tells you, via Esquire: "For both of us, there was never a moment where we thought that this — what we have today — would ever even be a possibility. Ever, ever, ever," she says. "I think we're both finding ourselves at this moment in our lives kind of shocked. Both of us. Just when you think you know how things are supposed to go down, life just kicks you in the ass and guess what? You don't have a clue." That is a pretty unpleasant way to describe getting engaged, but maybe that's just what life with Penn is like.

Tori Spelling recovering from Benihana burns

It's not nice to laugh at someone else's pain. I know, I know. But honestly, this story about Tori Spelling falling onto a hibachi at Benihana is so absurd, I can't not include it. And seriously, have you been to a Benihana? I'm genuinely surprised we don't hear about this happening more often. Anyway, Spelling was just finishing up a delightful family brunch at the Japanese chain restaurant — wait, Benihana does brunch? — when, on the way out, she caught her heel on something, tripped and fell "onto a scorching hot grill," a source tells TMZ. "She shouted in pain from a large burn on the back of her right arm. You could tell she was hurting, but she was trying to put on a brave face for the sake of her four young children who were obviously quite worried." Spelling initially tried to treat the burn herself, but ended up hospitalized at the Grossman Burn Center in West Hills, California, where she underwent a skin graft. Yikes.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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Mumford and Sons not down with Tidal

Marcus Mumford and his band of Sons weren't invited to be part of Jay Z's big, fancy Tidal streaming music party with Madonna and Rihanna — which they totally don't care about, OK? "We wouldn't have joined it anyway, even if they had asked. We don't want to be tribal," Mumford tells The Daily Beast. "What I'm not into is the tribalistic aspect of it — people trying to corner bits of the market and put their face on it. That's just commercial bulls—." So there, Jay Z. No neo-folk for you!

Katy Perry and John Mayer, again?

The on-again, off-again nature of Katy Perry and John Mayer's relationship is officially making me dizzy. The sometimes couple was spotted out to dinner recently in L.A. with another couple and "definitely" looked like they were together, a source tells E! News. They were apparently packing on the PDAs, "acting cozy" and holding hands throughout dinner, which must've made eating awfully cumbersome, but whatever. They were last spotted acting suspiciously friendly at a party in January, so maybe they're just on a strict quarterly dating schedule?

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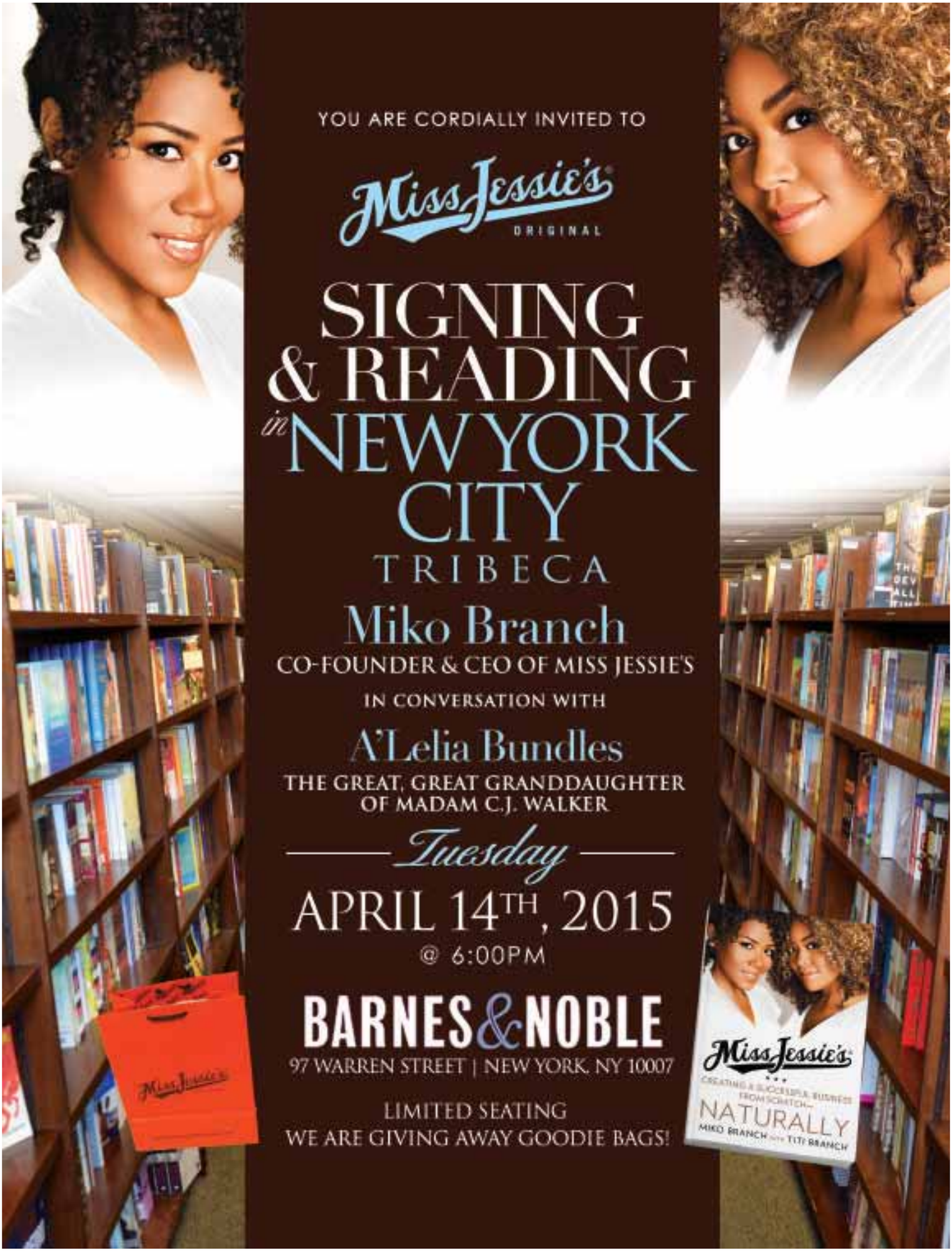
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5 To see at the Tribeca

The fest will have dozens of movies — here are some of our early favorites.

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1 'Very Semi-Serious'

The reliably droll cartoons that run in the New Yorker get a quietly profound doc that ruminates on both the nature of comedy and, even more useful, the mindset required to be a ritually rejected freelancer. Benevolent art director Bob Mankoff is the centerpiece, but his battery of stringers are the real stars.

If you go

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2 'Maggie'

Arnold Schwarzenegger's post-Governator comeback tour hasn't been going so well. So kudos for him thinking outside his specific box. Here, he stars in a zombie drama that is an actual drama, concerning a dad staying by his daughter's side as she slowly becomes one of the undead.

3 'Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck'

The first career-spanning doc on Nirvana's tragic frontman isn't a dry 101 but an actual film — one that captures his spirit, which is to say his humor as well as despair. Director Brett Morgen ("The Kid Stays in the Picture") is one of the few documentarians who favors aesthetic sensation over mere facts, and his command of archival footage — and sometimes cartoons — creates a complex and immersive portrait that moves from anguish to occasional joy.

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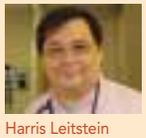
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‘Men Go to Battle’

The period piece, and especially the Civil War drama, tends to get dressed up in stiff re-creation duds. In that respect, this indie take is unlike any of its kind. Telling of brothers split by the vagaries of war, it’s an intimate jaunt that owes as much to history as “mumblecore.” (Indie queen Kate Lyn Sheil, who has a small role, is also a screenwriter.) The actors shamble through believable banter while the film hurtles pitilessly through a bitter era.

‘The Wolfpack’

Cinephilia has gripped few like it has the subjects of this troubling and fascinating doc, which hangs with a legion of teenage boys whose parents rarely let them stray outside their LES high-rise. Lurking under their funny/endearing recreations of Quentin Tarantino and Christopher Nolan movies is a portrait of a form of child abuse, made all the more disturbing for being largely suggested.

More to view

“MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL” / TRIBECA

Not just movies

Some events are marrying cinema to another medium, be it the presentation of the Harold Lloyd comedy “Speedy” with a mash-up score by DJ Z-Trip, or MST3K alum RiffTrax bestowing his professional mockery upon Tommy Wiseau’s bad cinema landmark “The Room.” Musical performances are paired with some of the films, including a Ludacris set after opening-night “SNL” doc “Live from New York!” and Mary J. Blige performing after the movie of her performance in London.

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Interview. Oh Honey goes from 'Okay' to killing it with new tour

Brooklyn-based guy-girl duo Oh Honey, comprised of Mitchy Collins and Danielle Bouchard, are known for their feel-good songs like their big breakout hit of 2014, "Be Okay." And while they certainly haven't crossed over to the dark side, their new EP, "Wish You Were Here," is deeper and more honest than ever before.

Danielle Bouchard and Mitchy Collins of Oh Honey. / MARCUS COOPER

Relationship fails make for good songs

This time around, breakups, nostalgia and regret serve as inspiration for some of the songs. "Life is going to be s— sometimes, and our relationships aren't going to work out," Collins tells us.

"When you're on the road, it can be difficult to maintain relationships, and I think a lot of those emotions kind of hit us and played a big part in the EP," Bouchard says.

Surviving crazy roommates

Still, life on the road is a walk in the park compared with some of the roommates they've experienced in their early days in New York. Bouchard moved to the city when she was 18 to attend Pace University and says some of her dormmates were pretty crazy. "I had one roommate who stole my clothes and underwear and wore them," she tells us.

Collins did the Craigslist roommate thing when he moved to New York. It wasn't good. "I picked a girl because I thought girls were cleaner, but her stuff was everywhere," he says. "She didn't do the dishes. The bathroom was a disaster zone. That was a bad one for me."

Of course, it's hard to imagine either of them complaining too much. Looking on the bright side has paid off for them this far, and now that they're out on the road headlining their first tour, it looks like things are just getting even better. EMILY LAURENCE

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In 2015, it's cool to be a homemaker.

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These days, it's hip to be a homemaker. Turn to any lifestyle blog or site like Pinterest, and you'll find savvy 20- and 30-somethings whipping up gorgeous recipes and tending to their gardens.

"We're rewriting the rules," explains Brit Morin, founder of Brit + Co., an online "destination for the DIY generation."

"Many of our grandmothers didn't have the option to have a career. Then our mothers felt a lot of pressure to invest all of their time and energy in their careers," she says. "For our generation, we're lucky to have a choice. It's OK to do both, and many of us want to do both."

For those of us wanting success at work and to come home and bake a cake from scratch, Morin's new book, "Homemakers: A Domestic Handbook for the Digital Generation," helps bridge the gap between plugged-in career girl and domestic diva. She shows us how.

Embrace technology

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Don't let time constraints stop you

Everyone is always busy, but your lack of free time shouldn't scare you away from pursuing creative projects. "Homemaking doesn't have to be about spending all of your time at home. You can add personality into your home with small projects," Morin says. Two time-friendly DIYs she recommends from her book are etched glasses (right) and a balloon backdrop.

"You wouldn't expect glass etching to be as easy as it is," she says. "Plus, these make the perfect personalized gift."

As for the balloon backdrop, "it's one of my favorite party tricks," Morin says. "Simply blow up a bunch of balloons, string them together using fishing line and hang them up in rows on your wall using painter's tape. Simple as that!"

"This DIY has endless possibilities," says Morin about etching glass. "[It works on] everything from vases to unique drinkware." CHRIS ANDRE

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computer. "We have access to an incredible amount of information — take advantage of that," says Morin. "Just as technology has impacted the way we communicate and the way we buy things, it has also transformed the home." One project she loves from the book is the wireless charging nightstand. "I love incorporating technology into the home in a seamless fashion," she says.

Remember to 'unplug'

As much as we rely on technology, Morin believes we need to unplug too. "Taking 'analog' time is incredibly important," she says. "Carve out time each week to completely disconnect and get creative. At Brit + Co., we actually take one day each quarter to learn a new creative skill — we call it Creativity Day. People have learned everything from woodworking to cheese making."

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Your willingness to help will come into play and raise your profile. Someone close needs empathy. Love and romance are highlighted.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Be a leader and share the ideas you have to improve the workplace. A jealous colleague will try to stymie your plans, but you will win in the end.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Don't let annoyances sour your day. Control what you can and go with the flow. The changes will end up in your favor.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Ask yourself if your current partnerships will help you get where you want to go. Make personal alterations.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Unleash your creativity and do something unusual to invigorate your senses. Younger relatives will play a prominent role in your plans and give you insight to make improvements.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
If your career is boring you, a change is in order. Check your options, but don't quit one job without having a replacement lined up.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
You will be inspired and excited. Share your ideas and take time for fun and entertainment. Forget about your current trials and go for the gusto.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
There will be turmoil on the home front. Tact and diplomacy will be needed when dealing with the people you live with.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Accept social or group invitations. A chance meeting will lead to an important connection. Your style will result in greater popularity.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Uncertainty at work will confuse you. If you feel your talents are being wasted, consider ways to branch out and follow your dreams.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
You will have a challenging day. Don't get upset if someone offers you advice. Consider what's said and use the information offered to you. EUGENIA LAST

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

More than emotions apply to penalty decisions

Re: 'Criminals are people, too' (Metro, April 14)
Serving in our system of justices is not a venue for expressing one's individual beliefs, emotions or morality. It's the duty and responsibility of objectively seeking truth and weighing the facts in alleged criminal or civil misconduct — this in accordance with set criteria.

In Tsarnaev's sentencing, the government is seeking the death penalty; such is application of federal law.

The jury's task is to decide whether the government has proved this as a just punishment and thus proved all the conditions of the sentence required:

What of his motive and logic in the commission of these crimes? Were these crimes of greed or passion, or an assault on our very way of life? How heinous were his acts and what do they speak of his humanity? What of the extensive planning and premeditation (as not committed in a whim of passion)? What of the extent of the death, pain and suffering done to others? What of his lack of remorse? What are his prospects of redemption and rehabilitation?

That said, the jury's job is to weigh his guilt and objectively decide if the elements of his crimes warrant a lesser sentence — such sentence conditional on all the above.
LEE KEITH, VIA EMAIL

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Crossword

Across
1 Blueprint, briefly
5 Horror-film servant
9 Like city lots
14 Sudden silence
15 Girl in "Dracula"
16 Riled up
17 "— La Douce"
18 Quick lunches?
19 Family men
20 Not C.O.D.
22 Locker room speech (2 wds.)
24 Up, in baseball (2 wds.)
26 Canadian prov.
27 Detest
30 Wrinkled, perhaps
35 Town near Palm Springs
36 Gator kin
37 NASA nix (hyph.)
38 Luau welcome
39 Earliest
42 Sis's sibling
43 Screenwriter James —
45 Noted groundhog
46 Better trained
48 Got it (2 wds.)
50 Calms
51 Golly!
52 Haggard
54 Raw leather
58 Fancy fasteners
62 Bonfire residue
63 Smell awful
65 Water, to Pedro
66 Trouser feature
67 Pinnacle
68 Tulip colors
69 Bodies of water
70 Pitch
71 It has rings

Down
1 Galley or bireme
2 Cat sound
3 Salinger heroine
4 Raja's bread
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29 Farewell
31 Year-end tune
32 Greathearted
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34 Entrances
36 Salmon variety
40 Chose
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44 Yesterday's geek
47 Walk-on (2 wds.)
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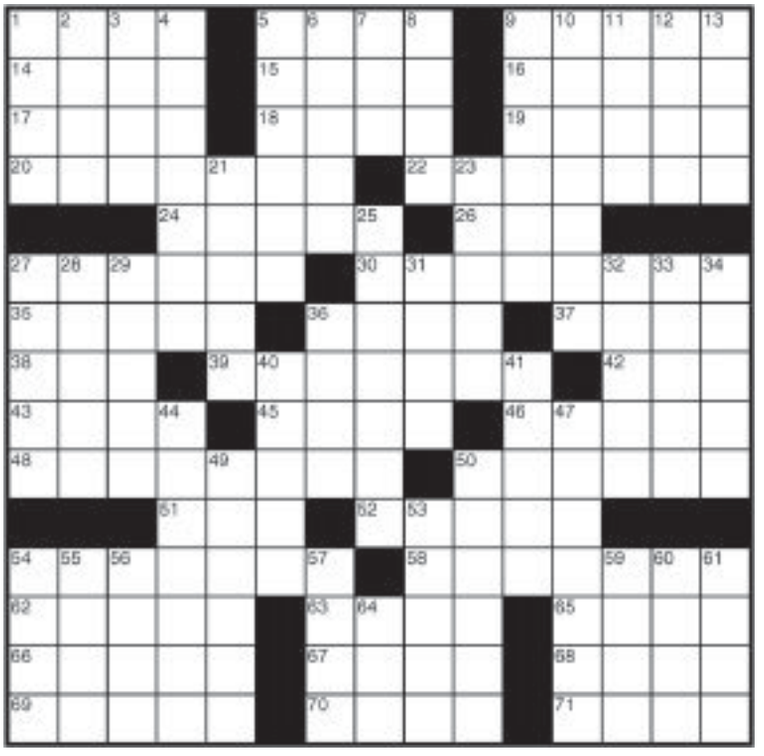

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Jaroslav Halak had a 2.43 GAA in the regular season. / GETTY IMAGES

Islanders ready for postseason

NHL. These Islanders players need to come up big this spring.

The Islanders rely on their young, talented forwards like John Tavares, Kyle Okposo and Brock Nelson, and they'll obviously need them to play well. But contributions will also need to be made by these players if the Islanders are to make noise in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

1 Jaroslav Halak
It's a tired cliché, but if a goalie gets hot he can almost single-handedly carry a team through the postseason. Halak has plenty of experience in the playoffs, manning the pipes for the Canadiens and Blues in the not-too-distant past. In 23 appearances (21 starts), Halak boasts a .923 save percentage and a 2.55 GAA. His Canadiens had a memorable run in the 2010 playoffs, eliminating the No. 1 seed Capitals in the quarterfinals and the No. 2 seed Penguins in the semis before falling to the Flyers. Goaltending and defense were not strong-suits for the Islanders this year (2.73 goals allowed per game, the worst mark among playoff teams), but if Halak can rise to the occasion the Islanders could become a tough out.

2 Nick Leddy and Johnny Boychuk
The Islanders are one of the youngest teams in the postseason (only the Lightning and Jets are younger), so naturally they will need their veterans to lead, preferably by example. The Isles have two great blueliners with playoff experience in Nick Leddy and Johnny Boychuk. Leddy played his first season as an Islander after coming over from the Blackhawks, and he thrived on the top line all season long. He brings 54 games worth of playoff experience to this team. Leddy is a natural fit with defensive partner Johnny Boychuk, as Leddy likes to move the puck and avoid the more physical aspects of the position, while Boychuk picks up the slack. Boychuk, a veteran of 79 playoff games with the Bruins, leads the Isles in blocked shots, and trails only Travis Hamonic in the hits category among Islanders defensemen.

3 Casey Cizikas
You probably won't hear his name around a water cooler, but Casey Cizikas will play a crucial role in any potential Isles postseason run. Cizikas skates mainly on the fourth line at even strength, but he'll get plenty of ice time as a member of the Islanders penalty killing squad. He's fourth among team forwards in the hits and blocked shots department, and Cizikas is tied for the team lead in faceoffs won at 52.2 percent, with the third most attempts. If these areas aren't taken care of, the Islanders will be going golfing early.

ROBERT CRISCOLA
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Stanley Cup playoffs

A look at the Islanders schedule:

- Game 1: at Capitals, Wednesday (7 p.m., MSG+)
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Stanley Cup playoffs power rankings and odds | by Rich Slate

No. 1

Rangers (2:1)*

The Rangers set a record for most regular-season wins in franchise history. They are many pundits' choice to win the Cup and it's hard to argue against this loaded group. *Odds to win Cup

No. 2

Ducks (3:1)

On paper, the Ducks should be the class of the Western Conference. But with a shaky goaltending situation, a team could upset them. Facing the Jets in Round 1 is no joke.

No. 3

Habs (4:1)

High-scoring winger Max Pacioretty (37 goals, 30 assists) skated over the weekend but his status is unknown while he deals with an upper-body injury.

No. 4

Lightning (5:1)

The Lightning could certainly get to the Cup Final and even win it, but goaltender Ben Bishop has never appeared in a playoff game. Tampa Bay opens with Detroit.

No. 5

'Hawks (6:1)

Chicago bids for its third Cup in six years as Patrick Kane is set to return in time for the playoffs. If they can survive Nashville, the Blackhawks will then see St. Louis or Minnesota.

No. 6

Capitals (8:1)

Washington seems to be a trendy pick. Goaltender Braden Holtby had a career year while Alexander Ovechkin led the league in goals and should win the Hart Trophy.

No. 7

Blues (10:1)

Blues fans have learned more than most that the playoffs are a different speed. Their recent history projects that they'll likely lose early in 2015 thanks to poor goaltending.

No. 8

Predators (15:1)

After being the top team in the NHL for most of the season, the Predators really stumbled into the postseason. Their first-round matchup against Chicago is wholly intriguing.

No. 9

Islanders (20:1)

No home ice for the Isles, who faltered down the stretch. Don't blame center John Tavares, who was great all season and finished second in NHL points.

No. 10

Wild (25:1)

Can goaltender Devan Dubnyk possibly keep up his ridiculous numbers? Like Ottawa, this is a team that nobody wants to see. The Wild-Blues series should be incredible.

No. 11

Canucks (30:1)

No good team in the league flew under the radar more than the Canucks. Vancouver matches up with Calgary in the first round — a true toss-up of a series.

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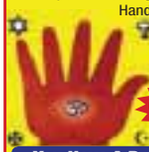

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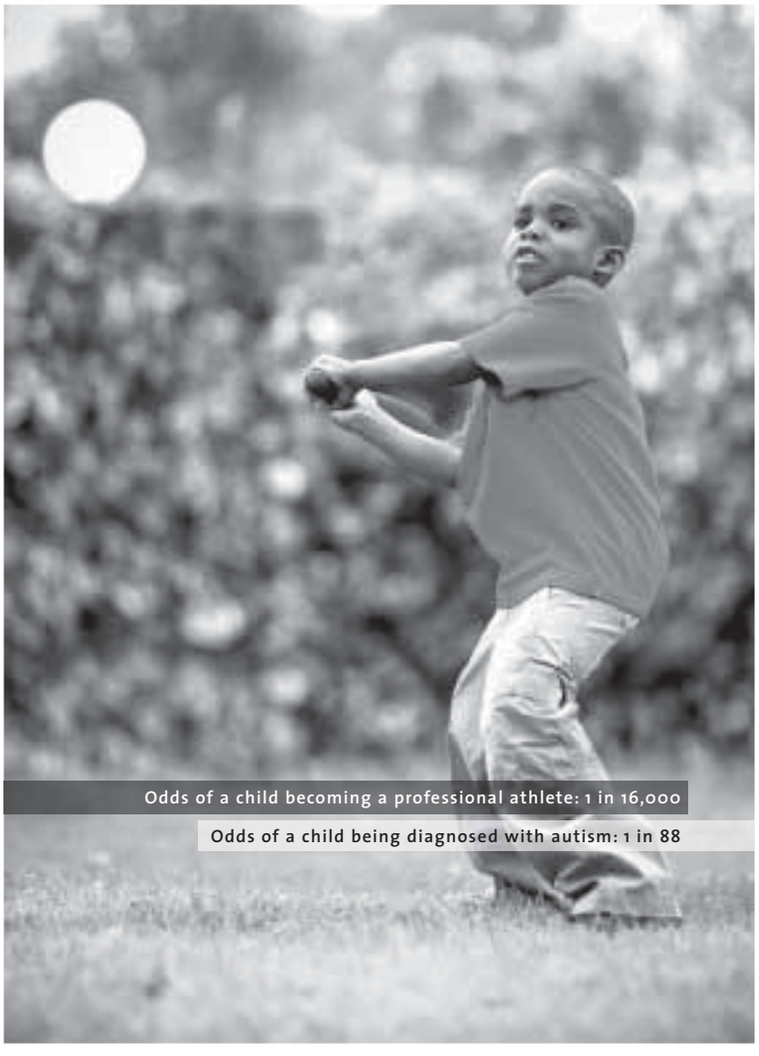

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